

Speech by Joan Smart for dedication to Shane and Sienna

I want to say how honored we are to have this memorial site here at Starting Early. It will be a peaceful place where we can relax and remember the two beautiful children, Sienna and Shane. We thank you for having entrusted your children with us from a very young age. I am blessed in working with the youngest of children in this program. I remember so many wonderful moments with not only Shane and Sienna but their families. Two moments specifically that I remember with Shane was when we were leaving his CPSE meeting and he was chatting and jabbering away in the hallway as if he approved of all the services with a few objections. He loved to sing happy birthday to everyone and everyone adored hearing him. I remember Sienna as a smiling joyous little girl who loved playing with the baby dolls. Every time someone took a picture of her everyone was called over to look at how beautiful she was and talked about her spunky personality. I remember how proud Shane and Sienna's parents were while they watched their children in individual instruction and their classroom. Both children brought so many smiles and so much joy to all of us. We thank you for having shared your children and the memorial with all of us.